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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0024551
- (2) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0080208
- (3) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0063149
- (4) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0063150

An English-language abstract for cited Japanese document (5) is enclosed.

- (5) JP 7-108684
- (6) U.S. Application No. 10/615,987

Cited Japanese document (5) is discussed on page 3 of the specification and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. The concise explanation of relevance for the foregoing Japanese document is believed to be satisfied by the English-language abstract and the discussion in the specification. See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office

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